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Examiner: Alvin J. Stewart

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Respectfully submitted,

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1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	110.00
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